



TOWNSHIP OF STONE MILLS

Council Recap

Committee of the Whole Meeting for October 13, 2026

Council met in Committee of the Whole prior to the Regular Session of Council. This meeting was scheduled to discuss the Facility Rental Policy and Special Event By-law.

Facility Rental Policy

Staff presented the draft policy and provided an update on the changes incorporated into the version presented to the Committee of the Whole. Council members discussed the proposed changes and raised concerns regarding the draft policy. Council requested that staff bring a revised policy to a future Council meeting that includes definitions outlining the standard use of Township facilities, as well as a process for users to request exemptions to the standard use requirements. [Staff Report](#)

Special Event By-law Update

Staff presented the draft Special Event By-law and spoke to the challenges of incorporating an exemption clause. Council members discussed the policy as presented and directed staff to bring the By-law back to the November 9, 2026 Council meeting for adoption. Revisions to the existing Special Event By-law were reviewed and will be brought back to the November 9, 2026 Council meeting. [Staff Report](#)

Regular Meeting of Council for October 13, 2026

Presentations

OPP Detachment Board Annual Report Presentation 2025

Tina Chamberlain, member of the OPP Board, was in attendance to discuss and answer questions regarding the 2025 OPP Detachment Boards Annual Report. Ms. Chamberlain noted that Inspector Tovell can attend a future Council meeting once the new Council has taken office. Council received the report for information. [2025 Detachment Board Annual Report](#)

Items for Consideration

Site Plan Control By-law: Supplementary Report

A draft Site Plan Control By-law was deferred at the September 28th Council meeting for planning staff to provide a matrix outlining what sections of the policy are mandated by the Province, by the Official Plan and where the Township has a local say. A report was brought back to the October 13 meeting providing the requested information, Council repealed the existing By-law 100 and approved the proposed by-law with minor amendments. [Staff Report](#)

Zoning By-law Amendment Application – ZON2026-0002

A [Zoning By-law Amendment Application](#) for 2295 County Road 14 was approved by Council to rezone a portion of the parcel from the Rural 'RU' zone into a new Rural Exception 19 (RU-19) zone to accommodate a single detached dwelling. The purpose of the reduction is to address zoning concerns and facilitate a future severance of that portion of the property.

Surplus or Deficit to or from Reserve and Reserve Funds

As part of the finalization of the 2026 operations and the preparation of the 2026 financial statements, Council approval is required for the disposition of any surplus or funding of any deficit. A [Staff Report](#) was presented, and Council authorized the annual 2026 surplus or deficit to be allocated to or from the respective reserve or reserve funds outlined within the report.

Enterprise Halloween Committee Request for Financial Support

Council received a request from the Enterprise Halloween Committee requesting financial support for three upcoming events. Council approved a financial donation up to \$635.00. [Staff Report](#)

Consent Agenda Items

Items received under the Consent Agenda can be found on the Council meeting Agenda.

The following items were extracted by Council for further discussion/support:

- [Corporate Activity Report for Q3 2026](#)
- [Technical Briefing Meeting with Alto - High-Speed Rail Project](#)
- Municipality of South Huron Council Resolution re [OPP 2027 Policing Costs](#)
- Township of Ramara Council Resolution re [Support for Enhanced Municipal and Watershed Representation in the Proposed Regional Conservation Authority Governance Framework](#)

All other items were received for information.

Notice of Motion

The following Notice of Motions were proposed and will be brought back at the November 9, 2026 Council Meeting for consideration:

- Councillor Lalande - Call on the OPP to impose speeding and calming measures in Hamlets.
- Councillor Fenwick - Request a Staff Report be brought to a future Council meeting setting out the pros and cons of reducing the minimum lot size requirements of severances from 1 hectare to 1 acre.
- Councillor Woodcock - Advocate to both the provincial and federal governments to create an economic pathway that allows farmers to retire with dignity while protecting prime farmland.

By-laws

Council passed the following By-laws:

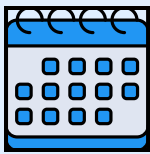
- By-law 2026-1371 - Site Plan Control By-law (Repealed 2001-100)
- By-law 2026-1372 - Amend Zoning By-law (RU to Rural Exception 16 and Rural Exception 19)
- By-law 2026-1373 - Confirm Proceedings October 13, 2026

The complete By-laws as presented and approved are available on the [October 13 Council Agenda](#).

Announcements

Council provided the following announcements:

- Councillor Fenwick announced the [Enterprise 4th Annual Zombie Walk](#) is this weekend and the annual Halloween Dance will follow on October 24th.



Upcoming Meeting Dates

- Regular Council- Monday, November 9, 2026 * This meeting was not a scheduled meeting and will be the last scheduled meeting for the 2022-2026 Term of Council *
- Inaugural Meeting for Incoming Council- Monday, November 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

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